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SUBJECT: WILLIAM BATTLE PLANS TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

FOR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR GREEN

1. FORMER US AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA, WILLIAM BATTLE, AND MRS. BATTLE PLAN TO VISIT AUSTRALIA DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 10 TO APRIL 15. BATTLE IS ASSOCIATED WITH FIELDCREST MILLS, ONE OF LARGEST US TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS, AND WISHES TO DISCUSS RECENT AUSTRALIAN TRADE RESTRICTIONS WITH GOA OFFICIALS ON BEHALF OF HIS COMPANY AND AMERICAN TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS INSTITUTE.

2. BATTLE HAS TELEPHONED ME TO DISCUSS HIS PROPOSED TRIP. I EXPLAINED THAT HIS VISIT WOULD BE MOST WELCOME, BUT THAT EMBASSY COULD NOT ASSIST DIRECTLY IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS
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IN VIEW OF HIS PRIVATE CAPACITY. BATTLE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH

WITH AMBASSADOR SHAW HERE, AND HOPES THROUGH HIM TO
ARRANGE CALL ON PM WHITLAM. I HAVE SUGGESTED THAT HE
MIGHT ALSO CALL ON CREAN AND MCKAY.

3. BATTLE IS CONCERNED WITH DIRECT EFFECT OF GOA ACTIONS
ON US TEXTILE INDUSTRY, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, EFFECT ON

MULTILATERAL FIBERS AGREEMENT. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES
THAT THIS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF CONCERN OVER AUSTRALIAN
ACTIONS WOULD BE USEFUL, ESPECIALLY BY MAN WITH BILL
BATTLE'S OUTSTANDING BACKGROUND AND TALENTS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS ON OFFICIALS
BATTLE MIGHT CALL ON, OR ANY OTHER ADVICE I MIGHT PASS
ON TO HIM BEFORE I LEAVE. BATTLE WISHES TO AVOID
PUBLICITY AND WILL BE VISITING AUSTRALIA EN ROUTE
BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND (WHERE HE HAS COMPANY BUSINESS
MATTERS TO DISCUSS) AND JAPAN. KISSINGER

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